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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
7 AT SEATTLE

8 K.L., a minor by and through his  
9 parent, S.M.L.,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 BELLINGHAM SCHOOL  
13 DISTRICT,

14 Defendant.

C21-979 TSZ

MINUTE ORDER

15 THIS MATTER comes before the Court upon an action brought under the  
16 Administrative Procedure Act.

17 Having reviewed the complaint in this matter, the Court concludes that this  
18 proceeding is exempt from the initial disclosure requirements of Federal Rule of Civil  
19 Procedure 26(a)(1)(A) and the initial conference requirements of Federal Rule of Civil  
20 Procedure 26(f). *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(B)(i).

21 To facilitate entry of an appropriate scheduling order in this matter, and pursuant  
22 to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16 and Local Civil Rule 16, counsel are directed to  
23 confer and to file a JOINT STATUS REPORT by November 19, 2021. The conference

1 among counsel shall be by direct and personal communication, whether via face-to-face  
2 meeting or telephonic conference. The Joint Status Report must contain the following  
3 information by corresponding paragraph numbers:

4 1. A concise statement of the positions of the parties concerning the relief  
5 requested in the complaint.

6 2. A summary of the procedural posture of the case and/or the status of the  
7 application at issue.

8 3. A proposed deadline for filing any administrative record.

9 4. A proposed deadline for filing dispositive motions.

10 5. An indication whether trial will be required in this matter and, if so, an  
11 indication (i) when the matter will be ready for trial; (ii) whether such trial will be jury or  
12 non-jury; and (iii) how long such trial is anticipated to take.

13 6. An indication whether the parties agree that a full-time Magistrate Judge  
14 may conduct all proceedings, including trial and the entry of judgment, under 28 U.S.C.  
15 § 636(c) and Local Rule MJR 13. The Magistrate Judge who will be assigned the case is  
16 the Honorable Brian A. Tsuchida. Agreement in the Joint Status Report will constitute  
17 the parties' consent to referral of the case to the assigned Magistrate Judge.

18 7. An indication whether any party wishes a scheduling conference before a  
19 scheduling order is entered in this case. If the parties are unable to agree on any part of  
20 the Joint Status Report, they may answer in separate paragraphs. No separate reports are  
21 to be filed.  
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1 The time for filing the Joint Status Report may be extended only by the Court.  
2 Any request for extension should be made telephonically by calling chambers at  
3 206-370-8830. If the parties wish to have a status conference with the Court at any time  
4 during the pendency of this action, they should contact chambers. Finally, if this matter  
5 is resolved by further agency action or settled, the parties shall immediately notify the  
6 Court at 206-370-8830.

7 This Minute Order is issued at the outset of the case, and a copy is sent by the  
8 Clerk to counsel for plaintiff and any defendants who have appeared. Plaintiff's counsel  
9 is directed to serve copies of this Minute Order on all parties who appear after this  
10 Minute Order is filed, within fourteen (14) days of receipt of service of each appearance.  
11 Plaintiff's counsel will be responsible for starting the communications needed to comply  
12 with this Minute Order.

13 Failure by any party to fully comply with this Minute Order may result in the  
14 imposition of sanctions, including dismissal of the case.

15 The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of record.

16 IT IS SO ORDERED.

17 Dated this 2nd day of November, 2021.

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19 Ravi Subramanian  
Clerk

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21 s/Gail Glass  
Deputy Clerk

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